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Dr. Bob Jones Says—WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN?

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This is being dictated just following the news release about the "atomic bomb" which has been dropped on a Japanese city. There is a mingled feeling of rejoicing and terrible awe in the hearts of all of us—rejoicing because of the prospect that we shall have speedy victory over our enemy, the pagan Japanese Empire, and terrible awe because of the future danger we face because of man's inventive genius. It looks like the war might end soon. If it does

not end soon, then it is definitely clear that Japan will be completely destroyed. Germany and Japan took the sword when it was not necessary for them to take the sword, and with the sword Germany has been destroyed and Japan is now bleeding to death. Nations, like men, reap what they sow. No nation ever existed who was mighty enough and powerful enough to do wrong and get away with it. Our forefathers came to America to worship God. They wrote God's name on all the things they touched. There is still a definitely Christian restraint in America. But for a quarter of a century at least America has been a back-slidden nation. America must get back to God or our nation will some day perish. Great as this nation is, it cannot do wrong and get away with it.

It is very comforting to know that victory for our arms seems to be very near and yet one wonders what the future holds for civilization and for the human race. Power is never safe in the hands of wicked men. The Holy Spirit, Who is usually spoken of as the Third Person of the Trinity, is according to the Bible, the

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Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

HOW JESUS, OUR PATTERN, WAS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

By Evangelist John R. Rice

(Preached at Conference on Evangelism, Winona Lake, Indiana, July 18, 1945)

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In this little time I want to talk to you about "The Fullness of the Holy Spirit and How to Have It," or "How to Be Filled With the Holy Spirit." Too long we have counted that a ticklish subject. The Bible is so clear in the need for being filled with the Spirit, and the command is so definite, "Be filled with the Spirit," that we ought not to let anything get in the way. We ought to preach and we ought to practice the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

I am going to take the matter up in a rather unusual way—unusual for me, and, I think, the easiest way to approach the matter. Turn to Luke, chapter 3. We are going to use Jesus as our ex-

ample in being filled with the Holy Spirit. I will show that as Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit, so we may be. I think it will clarify the whole matter, if we approach it from the viewpoint that the Lord Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit. The Bible tells how, if we follow His steps, we can be filled the same way, for the same purpose, and with the same results.

In Luke, chapter 3, beginning with verse 21, we read: "Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape

like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age. . . ."

I. Jesus Is the Example for Every Christian

First, I call your attention to the fact so often repeated in the Scripture, that Jesus is our example. In I Peter 2:21, the Scripture says, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps."

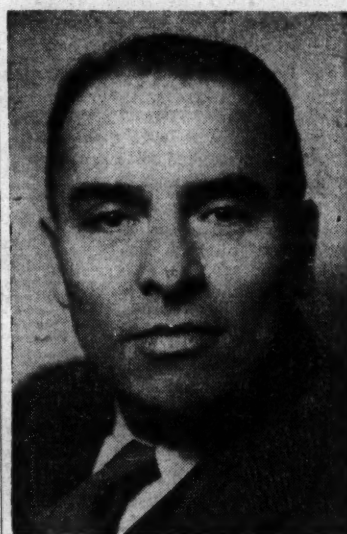
Again in John 14:12 we read, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." Jesus said, "The very same works I do, you that believe in Me can do too. You can do it more, because I will be cut off when I am thirty-three; and you can carry on longer."

From John, chapter 20, we find that when Jesus rose from the dead, He said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he

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I am not going to read the rest of it. You remember the story. She told Elisha about the death of the child. Elisha sent Gehazi with his staff to raise that child. The staff wouldn't work. The woman stayed right there; she wouldn't let Elisha alone, until he went with her. You recollect the wonderful miracle which God performed in answer to Elisha's prayers when He raised the boy from the dead.

Let that story be in the background of your minds as we think



Dr. Hyman J. Appelman

about the question, "Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child?"

May we bow our heads for a word of prayer.

PRAYER: Holy Father, whatever else Thy Holy Spirit may be able to use in the humble testimony of this, Thy servant, we pray that He will take this three-fold burning question, "Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child?" and measure, and balance, and weigh, and convict, and constrain, and convert every heart here present, so that we may so relate ourselves through the Lord Jesus Christ to Thee, that Thou mayest make it well with us now, so that it may be well with us hereafter. Search out in this congregation those between whom and Thee there is the slightest

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THERE ALWAYS WILL BE GOD

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(Written for The Sword of the Lord)

They cannot shell His temple
Nor dynamite His throne;
They cannot bomb His city,
Nor rob Him of His own.

They cannot take Him captive,
Nor strike Him dead and blind,
Nor starve Him to surrender,
Nor make Him change His mind.

They cannot cause Him panic,
Nor cut off His supplies;
They cannot take His kingdom,
Nor hurt Him with their lies.

Though all the world be shattered,
His truth remains the same;
His righteous laws still potent,
And Father still His name.

Though we face war and struggle,
And feel their goad and rod,
We know above confusion,
There always will be God!

WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN?

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shadow. Give them grace by humble penitence and confession, in this quiet morning hour to turn their lives over into the hands of Jesus Christ Thy Son, that they may go out of here with the assurance that their sins are forgiven; that they may all be cemented together in the bonds of love through the white heat of Christ's grace. Be merciful and propitiated toward us. Supply our needs in accordance with Thy mighty munificence. For we ask it and humbly thank Thee for it, in Jesus' name and for His altogether worthy sake. Amen.

The story, of course, is so simple that there is no need of going into detail. There are some high spots in it that touch my heart every time I think of it, every time I read it, every time I study it, every time I preach it. First, this woman and this man had given up hope of having a child. When the baby came, it must have been the apple of their eyes. They must have adored, they must have worshipped that child, perhaps too much. How old the child was when he got sick, I don't know, but he must have been, oh, eight, or nine, or ten, or the mother would have never let him go out of her sight, let alone to go to the father out yonder in the field. It is my conviction that he was sun-struck. It was harvest time, the hottest part of the year. He cried, "My head, my head." He must have been sun-struck. You know fathers love their children just as much as mothers do. We are not as silly about them as you mothers are, but we love them just as much as you do. Why half the time a child doesn't know what the mother is doing. I have seen my wife, and other wives, and mothers in action. One minute the mother will spank the child, and the next minute hug and kiss it. It's like the case of a baying dog, barking with one end and wagging its tail at the other. You can't tell which is which. Personally I think when you spank a child you ought to spank him. When you love a child, you ought to love him. But there ought to be at least a little separation between, so they will know what you are doing. A father doesn't carry on as much with a child. We are just not constituted that way. I have noticed this also. I have watched men. I haven't had the opportunity to be with my own children much. My wife is having to raise them. I am away all the time. I miss them. I miss them dreadfully. I miss them more with every passing day. Anyway, I have seen a father play with a child, play, and play, and play, having a great time, but just as soon as the child begins to cry, daddy, will say, "Here mama, here mama."

It is just one of those things. We don't know what to do with the thing. We don't know whether it is the colic, or a diaper pin. We don't know what it is. We are just not built for that purpose. That is not our business. Our business is to go out yonder, to face the world, to face the pressure of things by the grace of

God, by the help of God, to make a living.

But, again, with that story in the background, let's change the wording of the question a little. I believe we will have the permission of God. First, let me ask this question: "Is it well with you, wife and mother, in this congregation?" Second: "Is it well with you, husband and father?" Third: "Is it well with you, son and daughter?"

Mother, Is It Well With You?

I was raised right here in Chicago. First we lived on the west side in the Jewish section. Then we moved to the northwest side. I lived on Marion Court, just off Division Street. Marion Court is a half block east of Lincoln street, just off Division Street, across the street from the Hans Christian Anderson Public Schools. Then we moved to Logan Square, George Street, spent most of my time in Chicago on George Street. My brother, Morris, the one next to me, and I had a room together. It was more than a bed-room. It was a study room. It was built for that purpose. My father is a builder. He built that house for us to live in. I spent hours every day in that room and hours every night; hours studying, hours working, then hours sleeping. If my life depended on it, if my salvation depended on it, I could not tell you the color of the wallpaper in that room. I don't remember whether we had a rug or linoleum on the floor, and I've got a pretty good memory. I remember a number of us children got together, my two brothers, and I, and my father, we bought a tremendously expensive radio as a present to mama. It cost hundreds of dollars. If my soul's salvation depended on it, I couldn't tell you the name of that radio. Why, I know we had a parlor, we had a kitchen, we had a dining room. But if my soul's salvation depended on it, I couldn't enumerate the articles of furniture we had in the dining room, in the parlor, in the kitchen. But my friends, I don't even have to close my eyes to see the faces of my father and mother. Home is not the building. It is not the furniture. It is not the wallpaper. It is not the radio. It is not the carpet. It is daddy and mama.

I have been married fifteen years this September. My wife and I have always had our home, sometimes no more than a narrow bed room cluttered up with papers and books of every kind and description. And then that humble home that Dr. Hager described, that six room house, out yonder in Fort Worth, Texas. We have always lived together alone. We have never lived with our parents. Her mother has lived with us since 1934. Thank God for her. I've got the best mother-in-law in the world. My wife is always wrong and I am always right! If that isn't being a good mother-in-law, I don't know what is! And those children, they surely know when they have a friend. They go to "Baba," that is Russian for grandmother. My wife wrote me a letter a little while ago and asked me to write her mother, to tell her mother not to interfere when my wife spansks the children. I laughed so hard I pretty near needed a doctor! Of course I sat down and wrote a registered letter, and told grandmother to keep her hands off! No, I didn't do anything of the kind. But we have always had a home of our own, ever since we have been married. Yet, when I talk about home, when I think about home, way in the back of my heart, in the depth of my mind there is Chicago, and mama, and daddy, especially mama.

Mother makes the home. Mother is the foundation for the home.

Mother is the rock on which the home is built. When mother dies, the home is broken up. Think then how important it is for a wife and mother to be a good Christian.

You know you women kid yourselves a lot. We men, because we love you, and if you won't tell anybody, because we are afraid of you, we just help you kid yourselves, especially nowadays. You surely have made liars out of us. We are sure going to need lots of God's grace to escape Hell and go to Heaven! You go down town somewhere, buy you a hat, well something, I don't know,—something that you put on your head. I wouldn't call it a hat. It is something that goes on the head. You come in with that thing stuck up this way, or this way, or straight up in the air, or kind of forward, or backward. You say to us, "How do you like this hat?" Of course we feel like saying, "Is that what you call it? We thought it was a pancake that a Ford ran over or something." But then we say, "It surely is pretty." We have our fingers crossed where you can't see them, and then we hurry away and confess our sins to God. The Lord will understand that we want peace in the family.

But you women surely do kid yourselves a lot. Listen, I know restaurants in this town that have cooks that can beat anything the best woman cook in this crowd has done, or ever will do. There are cooks right here in this town who get more money than the governor of the state of Illinois. Did you know that? There are cooks right here in this town who get \$50,000 a year salary, master cooks. They spend all their time mastering the art of cooking. When it comes to doing laundry, I wouldn't trust the finest woman in the world with the collars or the cuffs of my shirts, because most of the time they don't do them right.

I can take my two children and put them in the San Marcus Academy out yonder in San Marcus, Texas, one of the sweetest boarding schools there is in the United States of America. They will get just as careful physical, just as careful mental, just as careful moral, just as careful spiritual care, as my wife can give them. But there is one thing I can't buy for myself; there is one thing I can't buy for my children. I can't buy the warm, affectionate, spiritual, Christ-loving heart of a precious wife, and a blessed mother.

Listen. The greatest contribution you wives can make to your husbands is not to sew on their buttons, not to darn their socks, not to keep their clothes hung up, not to give them food, not to nurse them when they are sick, but to give them a Christian wife, to make on them an impression for the Lord Jesus Christ. The greatest contribution you mothers can make to your children is not to cook for them, not to keep them neat and clean, not to see that they are taken care of when they are not feeling well, but to give them a Christian mother. Listen. When your husband will have forgotten, when your children will have forgotten, every sacrifice that you have ever made for them, every sleepless night you have ever spent, every toll you have ever engaged in to promote their welfare; when they will have forgotten every good dinner you ever cooked, every present you ever bought, every hour you ever spent cleaning up the house; if they ever find you on your knees in prayer over the Bible, they will never forget that. They will never forget the stories you told them about the Lord Jesus Christ. They never forget the times you went with them to take

them to church. They will never forget the prayers you prayed for their salvation, and, if in God's own good grace and mercy, you lead them to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, oh, my soul, what an impression you will have made for them! They will remember that throughout an endless eternity.

Let me show you what I am talking about. How many of you in this congregation, from the depths of your hearts, thank God for the memory of a Christian, Bible-reading, church-going mother? Will you raise your hands? Hold them up high! Don't lower them. Turn around and look. I wish to God I had something like that. My mother is not a Christian. My mother cooked good meals, took care of a fine home, nursed me when I was sick. I would give everything I am and everything I have; I would be willing to sign a contract with God to work on a section gang as a gandy dancer, as a day laborer all the days of my life, if I could have the memory of a Christian mother, of a Christian home, of a Christian background.

Oh, beloved, there used to be a cashier in Dallas, he is now president of one of the great banks out there. He has a wife and daughter. The girl just married recently. Some years ago when the banker was about thirty-five, he contracted what doctors thought was tuberculosis. As a matter of fact, it was an extreme case of fatigue. Thank God it was not tuberculosis. He began to fall out of his work, sometimes for weeks at a time. The president of the bank asked the board for permission to give the cashier a year's vacation with pay. The board voted it unanimously. The president, calling the man in, told him what had happened and said, "Fred, here is a key to a cabin in Maine on a certain lake. I want you to take your wife, your daughter, Doris, go out there, spend a year doing nothing, resting up. Then come back and go to work again." Fred took his wife and his girl. They went out to the north woods and had a wonderful time. Spring passed. Summer slipped by. Fall began to come on. It began to turn cool. One day Fred and his little girl decided they would go for one last fishing picnic on the lake. The mother made them a big hamper of food. They took some papers, some magazines, picture books for the girl to color and went out on the lake. They rowed out five or six miles from the shore, dropped the anchors front

and back, so the boat wouldn't twist too much, let out the fishing lines. Even the daughter cast out hers. They sat there fishing for a long while, catching some few fish. But they didn't care. They were just having a good time. They ate their dinner. The little girl dozed. The father dozed. After awhile they woke up and kept on fishing. The afternoon wore on.

The man was reading when drops of water began to splash on the pages of his book, drop by large drop. He thought fish were spraying up the water. He looked across the lake and noted that it was beginning to get rough. He looked up to find the sky overcast with clouds. He hadn't noticed it. It was beginning to get dark. He realized that a quick lake storm was coming up. He started to get things ready, taking his time. He should have hurried, but he didn't realize what he was up against. But by the time he closed his book, put it in the case, fixed up the hamper, pulled in the anchors, gathered in the lines, got the oars out, more than thirty minutes had passed. The wind was blowing. The white caps were beginning to dance across that lake. The storm drew closer. The rain was falling pretty badly. He started rowing for the shore. Quickly the sky became overcast with black clouds. It was five, five-thirty, or six perhaps in the evening. In no time, the whole scene became black as pitch. The man naturally was rowing backwards, hard against the waves, his little girl sitting in the stern of the boat.

He rowed almost desperately, many long, interminable minutes. Some considerable time passed. He thought he should have made the shore. He realized he was lost. Turning to his little girl sitting in the darkness,—he could just barely see her—he said, "Darling, can you see the shore?"

She said, "No," then thought quickly and spoke again, "Daddy, are you lost?"

"No, darling," he said, "but even if I am, you need not be afraid, because we can stay out here all night."

He knew they couldn't. He knew the rain and the wind would swamp the boat, perhaps

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turn them over. After awhile, as he kept on rowing, the little girl called out, "Daddy, I see a light over your shoulder. Mama said if we came in after dark, she would put a light in the garret window." Drawing a deep sigh of relief, he said, "Doris, keep that light in your eyes and steer daddy." He kept rowing. She took eager delight in steering him. "Little to the right, daddy! Straight ahead! Little to the right! Little to the left! Straight ahead!" He rowed with a will. In some longer minutes, the keel of the boat grated on the shore. Fred was so glad, he didn't even tie it. He didn't even take the things out of it. He picked the little girl up in his arms, waded out to the shore, ran up the steepish bank, came to the house, pushed the door open with his knee, carrying the child in his arms, deposited her in the arms of the mother. The mother looked up at him, his face pale, sweat-streaked, to say, "Fred, I was beginning to worry about you." Before the father had a chance to answer, the little girl said, "Why, mother, you didn't have to worry about us. We steered by your light."

I wonder how many boys, and girls, and men, and women, are in Hell now, and will be in Hell at the end of time, steering by mother's light? I wonder how many men, and women, boys and girls, there are in Heaven now, will be in Heaven at the end of time, steering by mother's light? It is something to think about. It is

something to study about. It is something to worry about. If you want your husband, if you want your children to be guided right, mother, you have to be a Christian wife, you have to be a Christian mother, you have to be a church member, you have to know how to study the Bible, and pray; you have to witness for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Is It Well With You, Father?

"But why should I confine myself altogether to wives and mothers? What about us fathers?"

Permit this. My former pastor in Oklahoma, the man who baptized me, the man who ordained me, the man who married me—(I am not going to let him bury me—I told him that would be too much for one man! I said if he buried me, I would come back and haunt him!) But anyway, this pastor, Brother McClung, told me, "Hyman, when you have children of your own, you are going to be a better preacher." I couldn't understand what having children of my own had to do with preaching, but I understand now. I never did understand, I never did realize, I never did know the love of God until I became a father myself, until my heart reached out to my precious children.

I remember when that boy of mine came, how proud I was of him, how glad that my firstborn was a boy to carry on the name, to carry on the blood, to carry on the line. He was born at 4:00 o'clock in the morning. I left before noon that day to go to St. Louis, from Fort Worth to St. Louis for a revival. I came back in two weeks. There was that little tiny fellow. I just stayed a few hours and then went on again. He was about a month, maybe two months old. I came back, just for a few hours, driving through the night, to spend a few hours at home, then to go on to the next campaign. When I got home the boy was fast asleep in his little crib. I said, "Verna," that's my wife's name—"I surely would like to play with that baby awhile."

"Well, wake him up."

"No, he won't cry. He would just be only too glad not to sleep."

I went over to that bed. I turned our bed lamp over so that it shone on the wall across his crib, not in his face, bent over and shook him. It took a little shaking but he woke up. The first thing you know his little old hands and his little old feet began to maneuver up in the air. I bent over him, passed my finger in front of his face until I saw that he saw it, then stopped. He reached up his little old pudgy hand beginning to grope for my finger, then grabbed it. Man alive! I tell you I came closer to Heaven then than I ever will be until I cross chilly Jordan! That little soft, moist, warm palm, that little pudgy, dimpled hand hanging on to daddy's finger! I dropped down by the side of that little crib, pressed my face against its side, and with that boy's moist hand on my finger, I cried out, "Lord, if

you ever made me a man, make me one now." I want that boy to think George Washington was a horse thief, that Abraham Lincoln was one of the Jesse James boys, that Paul the Apostle was a crooked Jew peddler alongside of his preaching daddy! I want that boy to think that the sun rises and sets somewhere in my body. I want to die twenty-four hours before I do anything that will make that boy doubt me.

When he was about two, just beginning to talk, they'd ask him, "What does your daddy do?" He'd say, "He peaches." "How does he peach?" He'd start flinging his hands around just as hard as he could, you know. One day my little girl, just sixteen months younger than the boy—they have a time together—one day, the folks heard her screaming bloody murder in the parlor. My wife and mother-in-law ran out to see what was happening. The boy was beating her head against the floor. She was stretched out, and he was bouncing her head against the floor.

"Jascha, what are you doing?" they questioned.

"I am baptizing her," he answered.

We belong to a church which immerses. He sees that all the time because there is baptizing almost every Sunday. Whenever the pastor is there, there are candidates for baptism.

Now I can't give my boy very much money. I am a poor preacher. I want to stay poor. I want to tell you something. I can get rich if I want to, preaching the gospel, too. My friends, if I were to tell you before God how many tens of thousands of dollars I have turned down, you wouldn't believe me, so I am not going to tell you. I have turned down, just turned down and said, "No, I will not take it," tens of thousands of dollars—just said, "No, I will not take it." I don't want to have anything to do with it. I want God to feed me. I want God to clothe me. If I had too much money in the bank, I might lose my faith. I might say that money will take care of me. What do I need God for? No, I want to live from hand to mouth, God's hand and my mouth. He surely has a big hand, He surely has! He's got the hands, and the pocket books, and the hearts, of every one of you in this congregation. The chances are that when my boy goes to college, he will have to work part of his way. When my girl goes to college, she will have to work part of her way. I can't give them an exceptionally luxurious home. I can't give them exceptionally fine clothes. I can't give them extraordinary amusements. I can't give them a high priced automobile. I can't give them very much in this world's goods, and I tell you the truth, I don't care if I can or can't, but there is one thing, please God, pray for me, that I am going to do my best to give my wife and my children. I am going to give them a Christian husband and a Christian daddy. I say, I am going to give them! No, my friends, I can't do that. God has to do that. The Lord Jesus Christ has to make me what I ought to be to my wife, what I ought to be to my blessed, precious children.

What I said about the wife and mother, I say about you husband and father. The greatest contribution you can make to your wife is to give her a God-fearing, Christian husband. The greatest contribution you can make to your children is to give them a God-fearing Christian daddy. When your wife and children, especially your children, will have forgotten

the sweat, the tears, the pain, and the toil, the heartache of your work, the sacrifices you made for them, in order to give them a home, to give them food, clothes, an education, if you point them to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world, if you put an impression on their souls for Christ and Christianity, they will never forget that.

Is It Well With You, Son and Daughter?

Now the last word is directed to those of you in this congregation who are our sons and daughters. Is it well with you, son? Is it well with you, daughter? I know I speak the mind of every father, of every mother in this congregation when I say this, and I want you children, I want you young people to hear me. It is your father who is talking. It is your mother who is talking, through the voice, through the lips of this poor preacher. Listen, what do we want from you children? What do we expect from you children? Listen! If you want to remember Mother's Day, God bless you. If you don't, God bless you anyway. If you want to remember Father's Day, God bless you. If you don't, God bless you anyway. If you want to remember our birthdays, God bless you. If you don't, God bless you anyway. If you want to remember our Christmases, God bless you. If you don't, God bless you anyway. If you want to remember our Anniversaries, God bless you. If you don't, God bless you anyway. If you say, "Thank You," God bless you. If you don't, God bless you anyway. If you say, "I love you," God bless you. If you don't, God bless you anyway.

The thing we want from you sons and daughters—listen, this is what we want—here is what your daddy wants from you, here is what your mama wants from you. We want you to take everything we are. We want you to take everything we have. We want you to take our money. We want you to take our thoughts. We want you to take our tears. We want you to take our sweat. We want you to take our health. We want you to take our hopes. We want you to take our lives. We want you to take, and take, and take, and keep on taking,—only for Jesus' sake, be the best Christian man, the best Christian woman God can possibly make out of you. That is all we want. We don't want a thing in return. We want to give you everything we are and have, only use it for Jesus Christ, use it in Jesus Christ. Be the best boy, the best girl, the best man, the best woman, that God can possibly make out of you. You can't without the Lord Jesus Christ. He's the only one who can help you. That is why I am preaching this sermon in this revival meeting.

I remember reading somewhere in a book a story. There was an old man, way up in the eighties, sitting down one afternoon by the side of his dying wife. She, too, was in the eighties. They had lived out their lives. They had had eight children. The Lord had taken everyone of them to Himself, some of them when they were small, some of them when they were pretty well grown. They didn't have any grandchildren. They were left all to themselves, alone. The aged husband was seated by the side of the bed on a chair. The wife was asleep. After awhile she woke up, reached out her hand to touch his.

"John," she spoke, "it is night, isn't it? It's dark."

He wanted to say, "Why darling, it's bright day light, but he caught himself. He knew her sight was beginning to fail. He said softly, "Yes, it is almost night"; he meant the long night.

"Why don't you turn on the light?"

"I will."

He stood up and turned on the

light. It still didn't make much difference to her.

"The dynamo must be bad."

"Well, I guess it is worn out."

With her hands in his, she dozed off again. Once again she woke up. "John, aren't you almost ready for bed?"

"Yes, darling, almost."

He meant that long, narrow bed from which there is no arising until Jesus comes.

"Have you taken care of the house?"

"Yes, darling."

"The windows taken care of?"

"Yes, darling."

"The door locked?"

"Yes, darling."

She drew a deep sighing breath and said, "John, are the children all in?"

The great hot, heavy tears rolled down his cheeks as he whispered, "Yes darling, they are all in." He meant all in with Jesus.

When I read that story, I turned the book over. I couldn't read any more. I was blinded with my tears. I got down on my face before God. I thought of the lines I had seen buying cigarettes, children; of the lines I had seen in moving picture houses, of the dance. I had seen in hotels, in Y.M.C.A.'s, in other places, and I said, "Oh, Lord, is there any way you can use me to get some of these children in?"

To Make It Well, You Must Have Christ As Saviour

Just one last word. My friends, to make it well with the wife and the mother, to make it well with the husband and the father, to make it well with the son and the daughter, there is just one way and that is in the Lord Jesus Christ, by accepting Him as your personal Saviour, by giving your life to Him in surrendered, sacrificial, obedient service. Listen! I am going to give a peculiar invitation this morning. I have done it all over America and God has honored and blessed it. I am going to ask everyone of us right now to stand quietly to our feet. Let's all of us stand. Listen! I am going to impose on Brother Anderson, and oh, how I thank God for him. What a bulwark of strength and inspiration, I say this before God and before you, David Anderson has been to me in this revival meeting. I am going to impose on him again as I have all during this meeting. I am going to ask him to sing, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord." As Brother David begins to sing, listen now: you in the balcony, you downstairs, I want every wife and mother in this congregation who is willing to say, "If God will help me, I am going to do my best to give my husband a Christian wife. I am going to do my best to give my children a Christian mother. I am going to do my best to have a Christian home;" if you are willing to say that, I want you to come down these aisles, upstairs, downstairs, make a single file circle around the walls of this church. Will you sing, Brother Anderson? Will you come if you mean it? That is exactly right. I don't want you to come unless you mean it. If you are not willing to dedicate yourself in this humble public fashion before God, I don't want you to come. Sing on, Brother Anderson.

Now as Brother Anderson sings the next verse, I want every husband and father in this congregation, if your wife is here, I want you to go to her, put your arm around her—this is a good place to do it, kiss her, tell her you love her. This is a good place to do it, and say, "If you will pray for me, I'll pray for you, and the best I know how, I am going to give you a Christian husband. The best I know how, I am going to give our children a Christian daddy. The best I know how, I am going to help make a Christian home. If your wife is not here, you come and stand by yourself for your home. Will you come as Brother Anderson sings,

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HOW JESUS, OUR PATTERN, WAS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

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breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost." Jesus said, "Just as the Father sent Me, I send you."

Again in Philippians we are commanded, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). Then the Scripture goes on to say that He emptied Himself and took on Himself the form of a servant; became obedient unto death. We are to have the same mind; we are to die the same kind of death in our minds and hearts. We are to go to the cross with Jesus, and rise from the dead with Jesus (Phil. 2:5-8). We are to have the mind of Christ, the power of Christ, the results of Christ. We are to follow in His steps.

Jesus said, in Luke 9:23, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Jesus said, "Follow me."

In Matthew 4:19, Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

In Mark 1:17, He said, "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men."

You see, throughout the Bible there is this doctrine: Christians are to follow Jesus. He is our example; all saved people should try to live like Jesus.

The Scripture says we are to "walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us" (Eph. 5:2). The Scripture says a Christian "ought himself also so to walk even as he walked" (I John 2:6). We are to purify ourselves "even as he is pure" (I John 3:3). The Scripture goes so far as to say that "as he is, so are we in this world" (I John 4:17). Isn't that strange? Jesus is the Son of God; I am a son of God! I did not earn it. I was born in the family. He was born in the family supernaturally, conceived of the Holy Ghost in His human birth. I was born in the family, the same family, by the same Holy Ghost. Supernaturally, we are the children of God. All right, we are to follow His steps! Jesus is our example.

But wait a minute, when are we to begin following Jesus' example? After we are saved! Now our modernist friends are not altogether wrong when they say that we are to walk "the Jesus way" and that we are to "live the Jesus life." All bad heresies are half-truths. And they missed the first half of it without which the last half is no good. The first duty is getting a new heart by being converted, born again. The other duty is following Jesus after one is saved. Nobody can follow Jesus until he is born of God. Nobody is a child of God until he is born of God. So when are you going to start following Jesus? After you are converted! After you have been born again! After you are a child of God! Certainly we will all agree on that!

All right then, when? For my part, after I am converted. I could not begin before I was converted. I did not have any power to follow Him. And He was not to be followed because before that He did not set Himself as our example in the ministry and Christian living before that time. For example, when I came as a lost sinner, repenting of my sins, was I following Jesus? No, He never sinned, so He never needed to repent. When I came for forgiveness, was I following Jesus? No, He never needed any forgiveness. You see Jesus could not be my pattern in getting forgiveness; Jesus could not be my pattern in repentance; Jesus could not be my pattern in a penitent heart; Jesus could not beg for a new nature. He never needed anything new. What He had was always all right. You say "Well,

when would Jesus start setting examples for me?" The first thing after I am converted, then Jesus takes up the line and says, "All right, fall in, fall in here. Follow Me."

Now when was that in the life of Jesus? It was when He was baptized. I was not born sinless and immaculate as was Jesus. His perfect life before His baptism could not picture my life before I was converted.

I do not want today to make any issue about the form of baptism, a matter of controversy. I have convictions about the form, but that is not the point. There is something a whole lot more important today in my mind, and in the mind of God, and in the Scripture about this matter, than the form of baptism. The truth of the matter is, I think everybody here who is saved can agree with the doctrine I am going to teach about baptism, as an incidental matter in the lesson.

Jesus came and was baptized. Every new Christian ought to be baptized. I am not discussing what kind of baptism. Whatever you think about baptism, everybody who even pretends to believe the Bible has to admit that the Great Commission says we are to get people converted and get them baptized. That is the next thing! Anybody who takes Jesus ought to be baptized. All right, so Jesus said, "Here is where I step in; I will be your example." Jesus came, and John and others were baptized. John said, "Jesus, I am not fit to baptize You." Maybe he did not say "Lord," because he did not know Jesus as the Messiah before His baptism (John 1:33,34). He knew him before as the perfect cousin, as the perfect man he had known all of his life who never did wrong, never sinned. He said, "I'm not fit to baptize You. You baptize me."

Then Jesus said, "Thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:15). He said, "Us." That meant Jesus and John the Baptist. It meant Jesus and John Rice too! And everybody else! It meant, it becomes Jesus and everybody else to fulfill righteousness by baptism. There is a meaning there I want you to get, but the point I am saying right now is: Jesus said, "Fall in line, Follow Me!" Are you converted? Nobody ever honestly and intelligently accepted Christ as Saviour without accepting Him as Lord. He is the Boss. He is the Leader. He is the Pattern! Now my own personality, plans and ambitions are merged into His, if I am what I ought to be when I am saved. So the first thing for anybody when he is converted is to say, "All right, Lord Jesus, go ahead and take the first step now, and I will follow in it. Take the next one, and I will follow You in that. If it goes to Calvary, I will follow You in that! My life is hid with Christ in God. Even when I get to Heaven, I am going to stay with the Lord Jesus. I am accepted in the Beloved up there even. Now, follow Jesus!"

II. We Are to Follow Jesus In Being Filled With the Holy Spirit

The next point is that Jesus was filled with the Holy Ghost. I do not see how I could preach fifteen years and never think anything really happened there when Jesus was baptized. I thought all this time that that was a mere symbolical matter, that God just wanted to put His approval publicly on Jesus. The Holy Ghost came in the form of a dove and rested on Him. That was a pretty scene, I thought, with symbolical meaning. I thought that was all there was to it, but that is not

true. Something really happened when Jesus was baptized. The Holy Ghost really came upon Him in abiding power. Jesus began His public ministry and His public life of example to Christians right there. He was baptized. Then He prayed, and the Holy Ghost came upon Him.

Now, what does that mean? It means two or three things. One is that when the Lord Jesus came to earth—I hope you will understand me—He did not come in the fullness of His own glory as the Son of God. He is God incarnate, yes; but He left many of His qualifications in Heaven. He left those shining robes that no man could look upon so that a fallen woman could kiss His feet and weep over them, so that John could lay his head on His bosom, so that His hand could be laid on the hand of a leper, and so that people would not be smitten blind when they saw Him. He left many of His qualifications in Heaven. Concerning the coming of the Son of Man, Jesus said "Of that day and that hour knoweth no man . . . neither the Son, but the Father" (Mark 13:32). You ask, "You mean Jesus didn't know?" He knows now; then, as a man taking on Himself the form of a servant, He did not choose to know. He emptied Himself voluntarily. Nobody took them away from Him, but He Himself laid down part of His knowledge, part of His glory, part of the manifestations. When Jesus was here on earth, He was man. He could have everywhere proclaimed that He was the Son of God. When the matter ever came into controversy, He did. But that is not what He called Himself all the time. What did Jesus call Himself regularly? Son of man! So Jesus lived the life of a true man.

Jesus did not do any of His miracles, did not do any of His preaching, did not do any healing of the sick and the raising of the dead, did not have any of His wisdom as the Son of God. Not at all! Jesus did all of His ministry as a man filled with the Holy Spirit. And all the power that Jesus Christ used on earth, He used the power not of the second person of the Trinity, but of the third person of the Trinity! Jesus did all this work as a Spirit-filled man. How could He say, "Follow My example," otherwise?

How could He come along and say to me, "I want you to go preach, have a revival, and have lots of people saved, just as I did, only, of course, in the nature of the case I had power you cannot have. I am the immaculate Son of God and you are not. And yet I want you to do what I did." No, no, that would not be fair! When Jesus said, "Follow Me," He said, "I am going to get down to the level of mankind. You cannot get up on My plane; I can get down on yours. And I am going to put Myself down where I can take the same power you can have. I will use the same Bible you can preach. I will be as tired as you were ever tired. I will be hated as you will be hated. I will have all the burdens that others will ever have. And I will come out victorious in the power of the Holy Spirit. You can have it too." You see, Jesus came as the Son of man!

Now an interesting thing: Jesus was thirty years old. He never had worked a miracle until that time. John, the second chapter, tells how He turned the water into wine at a wedding soon after He was baptized and filled with the Spirit. And the Scripture says, "This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee" (John 2:11). Jesus never worked a miracle until He was

thirty years old. He was the Son of God, but He was not using the power of the Son of God. He did not work any miracles until He got the miracle-working power of the Holy Ghost upon Him.

And that is not all. Jesus did no public ministry at all, till He was filled with the Spirit. Jesus studied the Bible. Jesus knew more Scripture than the doctors when He was twelve years old. Jesus never did anything wrong! But He never preached a sermon, He never won a soul, He never healed the sick, He never raised the dead, He never taught the people until He was thirty years old! In the waters of Jordan He was baptized, and then He prayed, and the Spirit of God came upon Him; and He was filled with the Spirit from that time on. He began His ministry.

Notice now, Jesus is our pattern from the time of His baptism on. We are to follow Jesus from the time we are ready to be baptized—not before that. Don't any of you start to follow Jesus before you get converted. The repenting part has to be over before you can follow Jesus. He never repented. The salvation business has to be done before you can follow Jesus. Jesus never did get saved; He never did need to. But just as soon as you are saved, then come on and follow Jesus.

III. The Bible Often Mentions That Jesus Did His Work Under the Power of the Holy Spirit

I am going to read you a number of Scriptures which tell how Jesus was filled with the Holy Ghost. First, we will turn to Acts Chapter 10. Peter was preaching to Cornelius and his household. And we read in verses 37 and 38, "That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached. [When did that begin? After the baptism which John preached]; How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power [God anointed Jesus of Nazareth. The Scripture uses a human term, Jesus (the Son of man), and says that God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost and power]: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil [Why? Because He was the Son of God? No]; for God was with him."

Jesus, a man filled with the Spirit, is our pattern. He is the Son of God, and He was the Son of God, but He was not manifesting His glory as God. He was manifesting His humanity in the power of the Holy Spirit as our pattern, and He called Himself the Son of man. In Acts, the first chapter, even after Jesus rose from the dead, the Scripture says, "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach. Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen." How did Jesus, after His resurrection, give the right orders to the apostles? "Through the Holy Ghost." Not as the Son of God alone, but as a Spirit-filled man, Jesus did what He ought to do.

In the ninth chapter of Hebrews, verse 14 says, "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from the dead works to serve the living God?"

Somebody is going to say, "Well, Brother Rice, you talk about a Calvary for Christians; you talk about a crucifixion for Christians; you say, 'Jesus went to the cross. Jesus was denied.' But Jesus was the Son of God, and I am not. I am frail. I am weak." But wait a minute: in the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus prayed through and was kept from being killed that night, kept the Word

of God from being violated and the plan of God from being blocked, He prayed as a man! He, "through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God."

You say, "I couldn't stand the crucifixion, because I am frail, I am a man." But when Jesus stayed on the cross, it was through the Eternal Spirit. Listen, to me. In some sense, God the Father turned His face away from Jesus on the cross! The Holy Spirit, I think did not. Perhaps that is not the right word. These infinite things, I hardly know how to make clear. But in one sense Jesus was a sinner, a vile sinner, upon whom God could not look with favor, and from whom He turned His face away. In one sense, Jesus was reckoned guilty like John Rice, and Bob Wells, and Hyman Appelman, Bob Jones and the rest of us poor old sinners, every drunkard, rapist, harlot, and convict in the world, and all the unconverted. In another sense that same Jesus was actually a Spirit-filled man doing the will of God! Jesus actually did no sin! Actually, He was sinless, perfect, holy, and was filled with the Holy Ghost, doing the will of His Father, typically He was filled with all of our sins, and bearing our burdens and guilt before God. "Through the Eternal Spirit" He was able to offer himself, without spot to God!

In the eleventh chapter of Isaiah, the Scripture tells that there is coming a seed of David, a root, an offspring of David. Let me read the words, themselves, lest I misquote them: "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse [the Father of David], and a Branch shall grow out of His roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him. [This is the second coming; this is when Christ will sit on David's throne], the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord; and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears" (Isa. 11:1-3). But Jesus, when He reigns on earth, is going to reign in the power of the Holy

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Now when did that happen? It happened when He was baptized.

IV. What the Fullness of the Spirit Did for Jesus

Let's turn back to Luke, chapter 3. Let us follow that through. I want you to notice what a wonderful thing happened here. The twenty-first verse of the third chapter tells how that, when Jesus was baptized, the Heaven opened. Then verse 22 says, "And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him." Did you think that was the end? Look at it again. Does it say, "Then the Holy Ghost in bodily shape left Him and went back to Heaven"? Does it say that? Does it? Look and see. No, it does not say that and it does not mean that. Then we have the genealogy, and now the fourth chapter. Look at the first verse. "And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost..." Well, what did the Holy Spirit do then after He came on Jesus? He stayed on Him. He filled Him, and stayed with Him, didn't He? "And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost..." Jesus, not again filled, but Jesus still filled, continually filled, remaining full of the Holy Ghost, went out in the wilderness to meet and whip the devil.

I like that story about the temptation of Jesus. Bear with me a little now. You will need this. Jesus is our pattern about meeting the devil. Filled with the Holy Ghost, He went out to meet the devil. The devil came; what did Jesus say? Did Jesus say, "I threw you out of Heaven one time, I will throw you off the earth now. Get on back to Hell!"?

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Did He? No. No! Yonder He was in His majesty as the Creator, the Son of God in all His glory. Down here He is a man.

Jesus said, "Now, if I slap the devil down, if I knock him out of existence, if I cast him into Hell, that would not do John Rice any good later when he meets the devil. John Rice could not do that." Jesus thought, "I have got to fix it so I can meet the devil and make it so John Rice can follow My steps and meet him, too. First I am going to fast forty days. I am going to be as weak as John Rice ever is. John Rice might be tempted when he is hungry. John Rice might be tempted when he gets tired of everybody being down on evangelists and thinking they are nuts and fools and the offscouring of the world. John Rice might be tempted when he is away from home all the time and working fifteen hours a day. John Rice might be tempted when he is weak, and I will get as weak as anybody ever was when the devil comes along." So Jesus fasted forty days.

The devil came along and said, "Here are some rocks. Make some bread of these rocks. You can do it."

Jesus said, "Now let me see. I could, I am the Son of God. But I must give an answer which John Rice could give if he were in my place. I will get a Scripture that fits man, not that fits the Son of God." So He said to Satan, "It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke 4:4, Jesus quoting Deut. 8:3). He said, "That is a good one for John Rice to use; that will fit him as well as me." So Jesus gave him that and shut the devil's mouth. Every time the devil opened his mouth, Jesus answered him as a man could do with the Scripture in the power of the Holy Ghost. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus whipped the devil. Since Jesus is our pattern, we are to follow Him, and be filled likewise and defeat Satan.

Now, in verse 14 we read, "And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee." You see there was a difference when Jesus was filled with the Spirit. Something really happened there in the water, when the Spirit of God really came on Jesus. After that, wherever Jesus went He went "in the power of the Spirit."

Let's follow the story a little further—and a wonderful story it is! He "returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee; and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about." He was not famous before. Even John the Baptist did not know He was the Messiah before. Everybody knew He was a good man. Everybody knew they could not point a finger of scorn at Him about ever sinning. He never had. He always went to the synagogue, and He was there on time. He read the Bible as He ought to have done. He was subject to His parents as He ought to have been. But He had never preached, never won any souls, never healed any lepers, never raised any dead before. But now He comes back, and is filled with the Holy Ghost. Fame gets out about Him. People begin to talk about Him.

Now read on. Luke 4:15-18 says: "And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as

his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written [in Isaiah 61:1], The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor." Jesus said, "Now I am ready to start preaching. I never could before; I was not anointed to preach." But the Scripture, in Luke 4:18-21 continues, "He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all of them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

He said, I never was before sent to preach the gospel to the poor, but since the Spirit of God came on Me at My baptism, I am ready for it. I never was ready before to open blind eyes, but since the Holy Ghost came on Me and filled Me, I am ready. This very day you see it. You see the Scripture fulfilled before your eyes. I am here now, filled with the Holy Ghost. I have been here on Sabbath days and in the synagogue before and you did not see it; now you can tell the difference!

Jesus said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." And we are told, "And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?" I can imagine they said, "Listen, He doesn't talk as He did before."

There are lots of good Christians who are separated Christians. They are nice Christians. They pray. They read the Bible. They go to church. They give their tithes. Maybe they have a family altar. But they never get anybody saved. A good life is not enough. I am not talking about sinlessness or sanctification. Jesus was already sinless and perfect before this. That was not what Jesus got. Jesus did not get sin burned out of Him. It was not in there to burn out. He got something else. **He got the power of God to win souls! He was anointed to preach!** So He preached.

O God, have pity on us preachers who try to preach without an anointing. What blasphemy! What sin! The Son of God Himself these thirty years waited.

Of course He prayed. Of course He read the Bible. He would read back in Isaiah 61, then He would go out and pray and say, "O, my Father, when the time comes I can preach. I cannot preach yet, I do not have anything to preach with." He was the perfect Son of God Who did no wrong. Listen to me! A clean life does not make you a soul winner. That is good, but the Pharisees may have had that. That is not enough. "But," you say, "I am saved." So you are, and so what? A lot of saved people never won a soul. That is not enough.

I am not talking about speaking in tongues. I am talking about what people call sanctification. There is some difference in opinions about that, but all of us here can agree that what Jesus got was not that. **What Jesus got was an anointing to preach!** He had power for witnessing. He got the "endowment from on High." Then He was ready to start preaching. He never had been before, and everybody sat there and wondered. They were amazed.

Read on in verse 22: "And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?" "Is this

the same man?" they asked. "Something surely has happened!" Jesus Himself was different when He was filled with the Holy Ghost. May God give us the power of the Holy Spirit, and make us different too!

V. The First Condition of Holy Spirit Power: Complete Obedience, Even to Crucifixion

Now, let's see how Jesus was filled with the Holy Ghost. Remember He is our pattern. We are to be filled as He was. First of all, He was baptized. Now, I do not think that there is anything in the matter of getting wet that makes you a soul winner. You understand that. I am not talking about a dead ritual. Yet in the Bible a number of times, baptism is connected with the fullness of power. Isn't that true in Acts, the second chapter, verses 37, and 38? "They were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent." When you repent you are saved. They said, "But we want the rest of what you got today. You got something besides salvation. You were saved before this prayer meeting which began ten days ago. We want what you have now." So Peter said, "Then be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for..." This word for is misleading. In the Greek it is the little word *eis*, which means *with reference to*. So Peter says, "Be baptized every one of you pointing to that repentance and pointing to that change of heart." Then he says, "...and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." We have the promise of forgiveness and the promise of the power, too. Baptism had nothing to do with salvation in that verse. The baptism had to do with the gifts of the Holy Ghost.

What has baptism in water to do with the power of the Holy Ghost? This is it. Jesus came to the waters of baptism and said, "Thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness."

"What do you mean, Jesus?"

"Oh," Jesus says, "John, you don't know what all this means to me." He said, in His own heart, "Father, the cross, the bloody sweat, the spittle in My face, the pulling out of My beard, the hatred of the people, the nails, the drained-out blood, the agony of soul, and the crucifixion—I am ready for it all." He went down into the watery grave and the Scripture says in Romans the sixth chapter, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection." Jesus was thinking about crucifixion when He was baptized. He said, "I am ready, Father." Do you know what Jesus was saying? It is prophesied in the Psalms. Hebrews 10:5-7 quotes it. The Scriptures there says, "Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith... Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God." He said, "All righteousness for a sinning race is wrapped up in the crucifixion, death, buried and resurrection, and so I am going through it all." When Jesus was baptized, the crucifixion was already over as far as His mind was concerned. It was settled before the world began and now it is settled in a public announcement before everybody. When Jesus was baptized, He went down into the water and that meant, "I have already given Myself to die. To

this end was I born. And when I come up out of the watery grave, that means I am going to rise from the dead, triumphant over death, Hell and the grave." So God the Father said, "All right, Son, if you mean that, I do not mind announcing publicly from Heaven that You are My Son; I am pleased with You and You are on the track. Now I will fill You with the Holy Spirit to give power to do My will."

Oh, the Holy Ghost came upon Jesus! He was baptized. We Baptists are so strong on baptism! And that is good: Jesus commanded it. But all a lot of you people who are so strong on baptism ever had was a ducking, and you did not know anything about what it meant at all. Listen to me. If, when you are baptized, you were not already converted and saved, you were a hypocrite of the deepest dye. You had no business to be baptized in the likeness of the death of Jesus unless you had taken His death, as your death, His resurrection as your resurrection, and His righteousness as your righteousness. That is the first thing. And in the second place, even if you were saved, if, when you were baptized, you did not say, "Lord, this old dirty sinner that I am, and that I was, I am burying here; I reckon him dead. He cannot boss me around anymore; I am going to bury him. Lord, your will is mine from this day on,"—your baptism was a lie!

You will have to bury that old sinner again tomorrow. All right, bury him again tomorrow. We are to take up the cross—daily—for crucifixion of self. That ought to be the first thing on the program for every Christian every day. But if, when you are baptized, you did not mean, "God being my helper, this means a new life; this means turning my back on my old ways, this means this old sinner is dead, I am going to live a new life for God, I am going to rise up a new man, a new creature. That has already happened in heart, and I am expressing it in baptism." If you did not mean that, you had no business being baptized. You told a dirty lie, and you have lived a lie ever since, if you did not mean complete obedience when you were baptized.

So Jesus said, "That is what I mean, My Father." He did not renounce sin in the sense that He had ever known any sin. But He meant, "The perfect will of My Father, I offer Myself for it. 'Obedient unto death'—that did not happen at Calvary. That did not even happen at Gethsemane. Some preachers think that out in Gethsemane Jesus was having such a struggle. They think He was saying, 'O Father, I don't want to die for sinners. Don't You have some other way to save sinners?' Did you think Jesus got that far and that question had never been settled? Well, if you think so, you are wrong, dead wrong. No, sir! Jesus, when He was baptized, said, 'Father, before the world began I said 'yes' to You. When I came into the world I said, 'I am come to do Thy will, O God!' Now, before everybody here, I am saying it again publicly. This means crucifixion. I give Myself."

Then the Father said, "I don't mind putting My Spirit on Him." Do you want to be filled with the Holy Spirit? Then the thing for you to do is to start complete obedience today, at any cost.

Is there any Scripture that says that? There certainly is. In Acts 5:32 we read, "And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him." God gives the Holy Spirit to whom? "Them that obey Him." God is not going to give the Holy Spirit power, wonder-working power, the power of Pentecost, to disobedient, sinful, rebellious people. That is one reason why when you come to baptism it ought to mean a surrender of your whole life and purpose to God, a laying

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restraining Power that keeps wicked men from going as far as they would go being driven by their own natural, depraved impulses. In our modern day men seem to have forgotten that the Bible teaches that man is naturally bad and not naturally good. Man's tendency when left to himself is not upward. It is downward. It is easy to do wrong. It is hard to do right. The discovery of the "atomic bomb," according to the scientists, can be used for good but wicked men unrestrained will surely use it for evil. What will the next war be? The next war? Yes, the next war. According to the Word of God there will be wars and rumors of wars until the close of this age. There will probably be a period of temporary peace, but if man has never been able to keep nations out of war it is not reasonable to think that modern man will keep nations out of war. Modern man is naturally no better than ancient man and modern man is far better equipped for the destructive business of war than was ancient man.

When the Lord Jesus Christ was born the angel choir sang, "Peace on earth to men of good will." According to our understanding of the Bible, some day the Lord Jesus Christ Who is the Prince of Peace, will come again. He will sit down on the throne of His father David, which is to be re-established in the City of Jerusalem. He will be King of kings and Lord of lords. He will reign in righteousness. Men will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Men will study war no more. The throbbing head of a miserable, restless, tired world will be pillowed upon the bosom of the King Who came to this earth nearly two thousand years ago and laid down His life on Calvary's cross and did this not for men who loved Him, but for the men who hated Him, His own enemies. Man has proved through the ages that he is not capable of running the world right. He just can't do it. God can do it. Man has had his long period of opportunity. He has always failed God. He began in a garden where he had a perfect environment. He failed God there. The human race failed God before the flood. God saved one family and started the race over again. Nations have come and gone. Empires have gone up and down. Generation after generation has been marching to the tomb. The pages of history are covered with the story of intrigue, selfishness, ambition, crime, and blood. But God has always had witnesses in the world. He has now many witnesses scattered around the earth that are faithful to Him. The

Lord Jesus Christ will not forget these when He comes again. Many of these faithful saints have to suffer for their faith. These suffering saints will remember that Jesus taught that those who suffer with Him will some day reign with Him.

About a quarter of a century ago at the close of the first World War there was a peace conference in Europe. Woodrow Wilson, the son of a minister, and who was himself a Christian, crossed the ocean to attend that conference. Lloyd George who evidently had a Christian approach to life, was also at the conference. Representatives of other nations sat with these men about the peace table. Clemenceau, who presided, was said to be an atheist. It is significant that Jesus had no seat at that peace table. Wilson and George would, no doubt, have been glad to have given Jesus their seats. They probably would have been glad to have sat at His feet. But pagan nations were represented at that peace table and pagan nations would not wish to sit at a peace table with the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not surprising that we entered a second World War about four years ago which we have just finished in Europe and that we are still fighting in the Orient. The heads of nations cannot push Jesus Christ out of the room and lock the door in His face when they sit at peace tables and get away with it.

Recently there was held in San Francisco another "peace conference" where the representatives of fifty nations formed an alliance and set up machinery to keep the world out of future wars. As far as we know, Jesus Christ did not sit down at that peace table and had no part in that conference. We are not blaming anybody because pagan nations were represented at the San Francisco conference and, remember, pagan nations would not sit down at a conference table with the Lord Jesus Christ. There were representatives of nations in San Francisco who would have been glad to have had Jesus Christ sit at the head of the table but they dared not ask Jesus to sit there. We had just as well face it. There will be wars, bloody wars, and tragedy and sorrows and blood until Jesus Christ sits down personally at the head of the peace table. When He was born the choir sang, "Peace on earth to men of good will." Yet He said He came not to bring peace but a sword. He is the issue today. There is no other issue in this world. What shall you do with Jesus? That is the question for Japan and China, Russia, France, and England. That is the question that every nation in the world faces. This world belongs to Jesus. He made it and He made it for Himself. He permits men to have their way and everything that happens on earth is happening with His permissive will. Some day He will take over things and things will then run not with His permissive will, but by His directive will. Then we shall have universal peace and this poor, tired, bloody, sad world will have rest. Then the knowledge of God will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Statesmen will serve Him and not serve themselves. That is the golden day toward which we move, but we move toward that day through darkness and sorrow and death. We Christians who trust Him and love Him will then be on the winning side. Our responsibility as individuals is to be faithful to our Lord even when nations reject Him.

HOW JESUS, OUR PATTERN, WAS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

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of the whole thing on the altar. God can fill you like that. Jesus, in His obedience to God, was ready.

VI. The Second Condition of the Fullness of God: Pray Till God's Power Comes

Now the next thing: "And praying." Isn't it a strange thing that Jesus would need to ask the Father for the fullness of the Holy Spirit? A lot of people say, "Brother Rice, I don't believe in praying for the Holy Spirit. We already have Him." He lives in the body of every Christian. We will all grant that; but do you really think you have what New Testament Christians had: the ministry, the manifestation, the power, the endowment, the gift of the Holy Ghost? Do you think you really have, you who have never won a soul, you who are defeated and whipped day by day? Do you really believe that you have all that Wesley had, that Spurgeon had, that D. L. Moody had, that Finney had? Do you really believe you have what Stephen had? Before being filled, Jesus had a clean life. He was obedient to the will of God. Yet He stopped and prayed, and praying, the Holy Ghost came on Him, visibly in the form of a dove; and He was filled with the Holy Spirit.

"But," you say, "wait, Brother Rice, is there any Scripture that says that you are to pray for the Holy Spirit in that sense?" There certainly is. In Luke 11:13 we are told, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

"Oh, but," you say, "that was before Pentecost." Yes, it was before Pentecost. But it was not written down until long after. Do you think God was so much behind that He would have it written down, and then somebody who had a little more sense than the Holy Spirit would be able to come along and say, "That is already out of date. You need not write that." Does anybody think you know enough to tell the Holy Spirit that? Isn't it strange that God had it put down when Pentecost was long since past?

The truth is, you have entirely missed the point of Luke 11:13. Go back and read that context: "Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?"

That is a Christian coming to God and saying, "God, You have the power; I do not. My boy (or my husband, or my neighbor or my congregation) has come to me. He is on my doorstep. He is my responsibility, but I do not have what it takes. I do not have the power. O God, give me the bread for sinners. Give me the power to win souls!" That is what Luke 11:13 is talking about. God will give the fullness of the Holy Ghost to people who ask Him. Do you know why you do not have the power of the Holy Ghost? For the same reason the Christian does not have anything else he needs and ought to have. "Ye have not, because ye ask not" (James 4:2). People can have the power of the Holy Spirit if they pray, and keep on praying until the power of God comes upon them.

Remember now, "how much more"—not just as much, but how much more is your Heavenly Father anxious to give you the power of the Holy Spirit. Oh, how I yearn for my children to have the best! Somebody said to me last year, "Are you connected with

Wheaton College?" Another place they asked, "Are you the president of Wheaton College?" I said, "No, no. I just finance it; I have three girls in the college and one in the academy." But I so long to give my children the best: piano lessons, violin lessons, and voice lessons, and all that is good. Oh, my heart hungers to give them everything that will bless them. How much more God hungers to pour upon you His power, if you would only ask Him! Why is it you have never asked? John R. Clements wrote that song:

"Many, so many have never received
Fullness of power, fullness of power,
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Though 'tis their heavenly dower."

Many never have prayed for it since they believed. Somebody says, "Just believe you have it and surrender." I have heard that, too, but why not come to God and ask Him for it as Jesus did? Do you have any complaint about the way Jesus got His power? Why don't you do it the same way, then? Does anybody here think you have worked up some better way to have the power of the Holy Spirit on you? What is wrong with the way Jesus got His power? Don't you want to follow His steps? All right, become obedient unto death and then start asking Him for it.

VII. Why We Need to Pray Longer Than Jesus Did for the Fullness

Here is another thing. That promise in Luke 11:13: "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him," is in the Greek in the imperfect and continuing tense. It literally means, "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that keep on asking."

Jesus just prayed and was filled with the Holy Spirit. That was not hard. Do you think Jesus had to confess any sins before being filled with the Holy Spirit? No, He did not. Do you think Jesus had to gather in any wandering thoughts and lay down this unholy desire and empty out this self will and lay aside this life's ambition? No. He had never had any ambition but to do the will of His Father. If you have a nice, clean vessel, empty, all cleaned out, and sitting under the spout, it will not take long to fill that. But if you have a dirty vessel, you must scrub that. Sometimes when you burn vessels on the stove and they are black, they must be soaked and scraped with steel wool. You must then polish them, or maybe wash them with lye water. You must do all that before you can fill the vessels with things that are good. But the Saviour had nothing wrong with Him. He could just say, "Father, I have laid Myself down here. It is time to begin My public ministry. Now, my Father, fill Me." And He was filled.

And He stayed full. In John 3:34 the Scripture tells us that the Father filled Him, gave Him the Spirit without measure. There was no limit to the power of the Holy Spirit given Him.

We are limited: We are like an old rain barrel out in West Texas at the corner of the house. The women like to have rain water to wash their hair and some other things in. It does not rain for several months at a time, and the old rain barrel is all cracked and split open down between the staves. It has dirt, boards and tin cans in it. The barrel must be cleaned out and scrubbed. Then the rain pours in and it pours out just as fast as

it pours in until the staves get soaked up. The staves are tightened and the hoops driven down until the barrel holds water.

One reason it takes a little longer for some of us to get filled with the Holy Spirit is that God has to tighten the hoops for us, before we can hold anything, even after He has cleaned us up. So pray and keep on praying!

VIII. In Bible Times People Prayed for the Fullness of the Spirit

Did you know that that was the way people were filled with the Holy Ghost in Bible times? That was what happened at Pentecost. Acts 1:14 says, "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the Mother of Jesus, and with his brethren." They just continued day and night and prayed until the power of the Holy Spirit came. That is what they were doing while they were waiting in the upper room. Obeying the command of Jesus in Luke 24:49, they tarried until they were endued with power. They prayed.

"Well," you say, "that was Pentecost! After Pentecost you do not find people praying for power." Is that so? Turn over a little farther in Acts, and we will read Acts 2:4. In the first verse we read, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place . . ." Then verse 4 says, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Nine words! All right; now look at Acts 4:31. It is the same crowd. "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Those are exactly the same nine words, about the same people. They prayed again and got filled again, didn't they? Does anybody here have the authority to say, "When the Bible uses nine words in one sentence in one place it means one thing, and when the Holy Spirit uses exactly the same nine words, in the same order, in another place in the Bible, it means something entirely different?" Does anybody here have that authority? Then it is all right to pray for power since Pentecost, isn't it?

Then there is Paul the apostle. I would not mind having him for a pattern. He had the power of God on him. Where did he get it? He was converted on the road to Damascus. He called that being 'born as one out of due time.' Paul was born again on the road to Damascus, and then the Scripture says that he continued to Damascus and that for three days and nights he neither ate nor drank. What is the matter? Paul was praying. Let us see. The Lord goes to a good man, Ananias, and says, "Ananias."

Ananias says, "Yes, Lord." "Have you known about this man, Saul of Tarsus?"

He said, "Boy, I sure do!" Ananias feared Saul, the persecutor.

God said, "Well, go over there and see him, for, behold, he prayeth." Three days and nights in prayer! What for? Somebody says, "He is praying to be saved." Oh, no, no! He has already been born again; he said so himself. Well, what is he praying for then? Well, let us follow Ananias over there. Look at Acts 9:17. Ananias gets over there and says, "Brother Saul . . ." You see he is already converted. He is not praying for salvation; he is already a Christian brother. "Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy

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sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost." Paul, after he prayed three days and nights, was filled with the Holy Ghost and straightway preached Christ! Paul prayed, leading to his endowment of power from on high. So must you, if you would be filled with the Spirit as Paul was.

Do you want to be filled with the Holy Spirit? All right, let's follow Jesus. First, follow Jesus through crucifixion; take up the cross and follow Jesus; be obedient even to the death of self, day by day. Second, keep on asking for the fullness of power.

You say, "How long shall I pray?" I do not know.

Just pray until you get all you need. When you get some power, see some souls saved, thank God and keep on praying until you get more. If you get enough power for one time, use it, thank God, cry and pray and ask God for more! D. L. Moody prayed two years before he was filled with the Holy Spirit.

D. L. Moody was on Wall Street, New York City, going to see some of his rich friends for money for his schools, when he was baptized with the Holy Spirit. I was in New York City in 1936. I drove my family around. We saw the Battery, the Statue of Liberty, Riverside Drive, with the infidel "Church" of Fosdick, Grant's Tomb, The Little Church Around the Corner, Lower East Side, Brooklyn Bridge, and other things. I drove down Wall Street, and I stopped the car. I said, "I do not care two cents worth to see J. P. Morgan's banking house; I do not care anything about the stock markets down here; but in that little short street only a block or two long, a small little narrow canyon, there D. L. Moody one day was filled with the Holy Spirit for his worldwide ministry. He said, in speaking of the incident, 'My heart was hungry, and I had no mind for begging money for my school. I had been praying for so long. Suddenly the Spirit of God came on me.'

People thought he was sick and said, 'Get a doctor!'

Moody said, 'Leave me alone; leave me alone!'

They said, 'Well, what will we do?'

He said, 'Don't do anything. Just get me a room somewhere and leave me alone.' They got him a room and got him into it. He said the waves of God's power came over his soul. He could hardly talk about it. Finally he said, 'Lord, that is enough. I will die; I can't hold any more!'

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Then he said, "O God, let me die before I pass out of the blessing and power of this day." He started out to preach and he said, "I didn't use any new Scriptures. I used the same outlines, the same illustrations. Where I used to have seven or eight saved I would have a hundred or more. The difference was the power." Oh, let's be filled with the Spirit.

Again, let me say to you that it seems to be a tragedy unspeakable that we preach without an anointing, when Jesus Christ, the immaculate Son of God, would not preach a sermon, would not try to convert a soul, never worked a miracle, never healed the sick, never raised the dead, never did any of His public ministry, would not even begin to preach until He was anointed to preach. God forgive all the preachers in this country who are beating out their brains, trying to preach, without any power! D. L. Moody said, "It is wicked and presumptuous to try to do God's business without God's power." Jesus did not preach until He was anointed to preach!

I go out to a country place, and some old farmer shakes his head about a certain preacher and says, "I am afraid he ain't called to preach." That is not his trouble. Do any of you people have any doubts about your call? That is not your trouble. It is not a question of whether you were called to preach, it is a question whether you have ever been anointed to preach, whether the power of God is on you, whether you are filled with the Holy Ghost! That is the point. Jesus was good and all right before He was thirty years old, but He did not preach until He was anointed to preach. Oh, God anoint us to preach, to win souls!

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For some time we have been praying that God would lead us to a prominent Methodist who could ably represent his denomination on our Board of Judges. In answer to our prayers the Lord directed us to Dr. Zachary T. Johnson. Dr. Johnson has been Executive Vice-president and President of Asbury College since March 1, 1935. He is a member of the Kentucky Conference of the Methodist Church, Chairman of the Board of Evangelism and Conference Director of Evangelism, member of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Commission on Evangelism, and member of the Board of Publication of the Kentucky Conference. He has spoken in most of the camp meetings in the United States and has wide experience as speaker before annual and district conferences, spiritual retreats for ministers, and in Bible Conferences. Dr. Johnson is the author of several publications in the field of secular history and of many printed sermons. Under his administration, Asbury College has paid off a debt of nearly \$400,000.00, acquired an endowment of over \$700,000.00, and has become fully accredited. Dr. Johnson is truly a distinguished leader and we are pleased

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Other Important Announcements Will Be Coming Soon

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WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN?

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Now this last appeal as Brother Anderson keeps on singing. I want every son and daughter in this congregation, if father or mother both or either are here, you come and stand with them. Tell them you thank them for all they have done and meant to you. Come on if you mean it. All right, Brother Anderson.

Now let us bow our heads and close our eyes, all of us. It is not enough to come to church. It is not enough to stand around the wall. You know that as well as I do. It is not enough to make a move like so wonderfully many of you have so graciously done this morning. I want to close with a prayer that God may endear these truths, cement us together in His love, that the circle of our families, of our loved ones might be unbroken here and unbroken hereafter. Before I pray, is there anybody anywhere in this auditorium, anywhere in this crowd, standing around the wall, you are a Christian, you are a child of God, you are saved and you know it; you love Jesus; you are not ashamed of Him; you are satisfied with Jesus; you are satisfied with your salvation, but you are not satisfied with yourself; you are not satisfied with the way you have been serving Christ, and this morning you want to say, "Preacher, pray for me. I want Jesus to have more of me. I want to begin to live a better life for Christ from now on than I have up to now. Will you raise your hand? Will you do it? God bless you. Yes, God bless the scores of you lifting your hands.

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Now my last question, and then we are going. How many of you in this congregation anywhere, you are not a Christian, or you are not sure whether you are saved or not, boy, girl, man, woman, you want to be saved, you don't want to go to Hell, you don't want your part of the circle to be broken, you love Jesus more than you love Satan. Will you raise your hand and by that sign say, "Pray for me." Is there one anywhere in this auditorium? You are not a Christian, you want to be saved and you want to be remembered in prayer, will you raise your hand? Yes, I see you. God sees you. And you also. And you. God bless everyone of you. Our Heavenly Father, Thou knowest the heart of everyone of us bowed in Thy presence. Thou knowest our need. Thou knowest our shortcomings. Thou knowest our limitations. So we plead with Thee that in mercy, in grace, in compassion, in love, in the blood of Thy dear Son—Thou wouldst make it well with us by washing away our sins, by blotting out our transgressions, by burning upon our souls the message of the cross, by dedicating us to Thy service. Send us away from here, our Father, determined that from this hour on it will be Jesus only and Jesus always. In Christ's name. Amen.

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